(c) One Textile Park project from Uttar Pradesh, viz. Gorakhpur Tex Park Private Limited, Gorakhpur, was approved, *in principle,* in July 2006. How ever, even after 8 months of the sanction of the project the Gorakhpur Tex Park Private Limited was unable to complete the documentation of the land and Shareholders Agreement. Therefore, the Project Approval Com mittee (PAC) in its meeting held on 05.03.2007 decided to withdraw the sanction accorded to the project. However, the PAC has also decided to consider the revival of the project on preferential basis during the XI Plan after compliance with the stipulated condition related to land.

(d) The projects sanctioned under the SITP are at their nascent stage of implementation. Estimated annual production of these textile parks, after being fully functional, is Rs. 19,200 Crore and estimated employ-ment generation is 5.7 lakh persons (direct/indirect).

All India Handloom Board

4579. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up All India Handloom Board (AIHB);

(b) if so, the details thereof, its tenure, functions, composition and criteria for electing/selecting members;

(c) whether professionals and technocrats are nominated as Members of AIHB;

(d) if so, the details of such professionals technocrats and non-techno crats;

(e) whether Members of AIHB nominate such members who do not have professional experience of handlooms;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Government has re-constituted All India Handloom Board on 28th August, 2006.

(b) to (d) The term of Office of the Board is for a duration of two years beginning from 28th August, 2006. The Board will advise the Government in the formulation of the overall development programme in the handloom sector keeping in view socio-economic cultural and artistic perspective. Present strength of the Board is 60 consisting of Minister of Textiles as Chairman, one Vice-chairman, 9 Official Members, 48 Non-Official Members and Development Commissioner (Handlooms) as Member Secretary. While Senior Officers of various Ministries are selected as Official Members on the basis of their experience about the Handloom Sector, the Non-Official Members are representatives of Weavers/Dignitaries/Expertise associated with the Handloom Sector having knowledge of ground realities. Their selection is made by the Minister of Textiles.

(e) to (g) No such instance has occurred so far.

Database for handloom products

4580. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Textiles has prepared a list of handloom products, with a proper database, doing a country wide survey, to be registered as geographical indications;

(b) if so, how many such products have got geographical indications so far, and how many products are still to be registered;

(c) whether Indian handloom mark has been registered under Trade Marks Act; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) The Government of India has written letters to all the State Governments to send the proposals for registration of traditional handloom items under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999. As per the reports received from the State Governments, about 80 items are to be registered, out of which, 12 items have already been registered under the Act.